



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1022**

January Session, 2017



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE  
ENHANCED COMMUNITY SERVICES TO THOSE IN THE CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE SYSTEM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) The office of the Chief  
2       State's Attorney shall establish a pilot program to serve the  
3       geographical area courts for Hartford, New Haven, New London and  
4       Norwich in the judicial districts of Hartford, New Haven and New  
5       London in identifying and tracking the homeless, addicted or mentally  
6       ill persons entering the criminal justice system.
- 7       (b) The office of the state's attorney for each such judicial district  
8       shall screen cases in order to identify and track persons arrested who  
9       are homeless, drug addicted or mentally ill for intensive assistance,  
10      and shall refer such persons to diversion programs, counseling,  
11      treatment, housing assistance and reentry programs in an effort to  
12      stabilize such person and prevent future arrests of such person,  
13      provided the office shall retain the discretion to dispose of any case in  
14      any manner, with a focus on alternatives to incarceration and that the  
15      court shall maintain jurisdiction over the cases to ensure compliance  
16      with any ordered treatment or counseling.
- 17      (c) The Chief State's Attorney shall establish policies and procedures  
18      to implement the pilot program required by this section and, on or

19 before February 1, 2019, shall submit a report to the joint standing  
20 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
21 relating to the judiciary, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
22 statutes, concerning the implementation of the pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*